



Media Statement

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Statement by Jack M. Stewart on Senate Republican Legislation to Repeal Job Killer Legislation

“California's manufacturing community clearly is struggling with increased regulations, fees, taxes and business cost mandates that are 32 percent higher than the national average. After 25 straight months of manufacturing job losses, it's apparent that these costs are making California's hard working citizens pay the ultimate price.

Last week's unemployment report indicated more than 28,000 lost manufacturing jobs in January, 2003 and 285,000 lost manufacturing jobs over the last 25 months – 15 percent of the industrial workforce. There is no question that it is time for economic stimulus measures to get California working again.

If something is not done soon, we will soon lose all of the jobs we gained in the mid-90s economic boom. It is more important than ever that the state's Legislature work to pass real ‘job-maker’ legislation to stimulate the economy and roll back the ‘job-killer’ bills from the previous four years.

CMTA applauds Senators Chuck Poochigian, Dick Ackerman and Jim Brulte for their efforts to repeal some of California's largest business cost mandates.”

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The California Manufacturers and Technology Association (formerly the California Manufacturers Association) works to improve and enhance a strong business climate for California's 30,000 manufacturing, processing and technology based companies. For more than 83 years, CMTA has worked with state government to develop balanced laws, effective regulations and sound public policies to stimulate economic growth and create new jobs while safeguarding the state's environmental resources. CMTA represents businesses from the entire manufacturing community – an economic sector that generates more than \$250 billion every year and employs more than two million Californians.